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CARRIER FOR CULTURE AND
TRANSPLANTATION OF ANIMAL CELLS

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated September 3, 2004, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.